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Claims 81-84 have been added. Claims 81, 83, and 84 are directed to an equipment and surface cleaner that comprises peroxide and an alkaline reactant. The alkaline increases the pH to the alkaline range when combined with the peroxide. The combination of constituents reduces the microbial populations without substantial corrosive effects. Support for these amendments is clear from the other claims and the specification. Claim 82 is similar to Claim 37 except the first container consists of a peroxide and the second container consists of an alkaline component.

It is respectfully believed the crux of the Board's decision is that the evidence did not demonstrate that the bleach activators taught by the prior art would have been expected to detrimentally impact the asserted advantage of effective cleaning without significant corrosive effects. Accompanying this Response is a 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Declaration with evidence demonstrating that peracids and bleaches are indeed corrosive substances.

In light of this, it is respectfully believed Claims 37-84 are now allowable.

It is further believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and favorable reconsideration by the Examiner is requested. The proposed amendments do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, do not raise the issue of new matter, do not increase the number of claims in the application, and are deemed to place the application in better form for either allowance or appeal by reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.

If, upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. To the extent additional fees are required, please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (Wayne Chemical/83518) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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